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GIANTS PLAY AT
GALVESTON TO-DAY

New Rules to Bring About Needed Reforms in Boxing Contests

MARQUIS OF QUEENSBERRY
RING LAW DOESN'T FILL
MODERN REQUIREMENTSBelow Are Printed Suggestions for
Code That Should Satisfy Demands
of Present Conditions of the Sport.Copyright, 1912, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York World).
THERE has been much discussion of late about boxing rules, referees, disqualifications, and so on.

The sport to-day isn't in the old knock-down-and-carry-out stage. It has become a complete and complex. The simple old Queensberry rules are archaic. What we need is a set of rules that will cover modern conditions.

In making out the rules printed on this page I considered many things that perhaps escape the eye of the average spectator.

In the first rule I suggest a one-inch felt ring covering. Some club managers say that this will make heavy going. I think not. In any case, practically all ring accidents are caused by falls on an insufficiently padded floor. Better make the boxing clubs spend a few extra dollars for good padding than risk a fatality.

I suggest different gloves for big and little men, because it is obviously absurd to have featherweights and heavyweights box with the same flat covering.

Properly wound bandages protect the hands and do no harm to any one. I see no reason why decisions given by two competent judges and in case of disagreement checked up by the referee should be undesirable, even in New York State and under the Fawley law.

Referee Buckley out of his way in his eagerness to finish a hopeless man. The only fair blow is the blow struck with the knuckles. This is the objection to the much talked of "kidney punch." It is generally struck with the wrist or forearm or the side of flat, and is foul.

Boxing Rule 5 covers a recent development. Boxers to-day think they are getting away with something when they hold and hit. Tommy Murphy, for instance, fouls continually in this way. Hogan fouled in this way with Cross. The more clever ones jerk their opponent's head forward with one hand and release their grip just as they start a punch with the other. This has the same effect as the openly foul hold and hit blow.

"Greasing the body" is reminiscent of a recent Abe Attell trick, and hitting with the fingers to shake hands is a specialty of Leach Cross. Boxing is much better off without these stunts. As for the second, very often they are bent and a stretch in the nostrils of decent spectators, and they should be ejected from the club. A rule to govern their actions has become a necessity. Perhaps a muzzle and a gag and a pair of handcuffs for each second would be an improvement on the rule.

The "break" question has always caused discussion. This suggestion of mine seems to cover the case.

The Queensberry rule that a boxer must retire to his corner when an opponent is down is defective. The knock-down may occur in that very corner. Moreover, the rule has become a dead letter. If a boxer will retire ten feet, instead of standing right to nail his man the instant he leaves the floor, it will do well enough. Forcing the man who is up to wait for the referee's signal will prevent such things as occurred in the massacre of McCreary by Siller Burke, when Burke literally exhausted

Suggestions for Boxing Rules

The Ring.

1. The ring is to be a square board platform, over which is laid a felt matting not less than one inch in thickness when packed down, with a tightly stretched canvas covering securely fastened at the edges.

2. At each corner shall be a metal post, the three ropes forming the ring enclosure being attached to these posts in such a manner that the posts stand at least one foot outside of the ropes. The edges of the platform must extend not less than two feet beyond the line of the ropes.

The Gloves.

1. In contests between boxers not weighing over the middleweight limit each glove shall weigh not less than five ounces.

2. In contests between light-heavyweight and between heavyweight boxers each glove shall weigh not less than eight ounces.

3. New gloves shall be used in all contests. The referee shall examine all gloves and reject any in which the padding is not evenly distributed over the knuckles, or in which the padding may protrude through the covering of soft leather.

Bandages.

1. The boxers may wear light bandages of soft tape on their hands, these bandages not to cover the knuckles. The referee is to be sole judge of the fitness of the bandages, and he may order them removed if in his opinion they do not conform to this rule.

Judging and Timing.

1. Two judges sitting on opposite sides of the ring shall decide upon winner and loser.

2. Should the judges disagree, the referee shall give the decision.

3. In deciding the judges and referee shall consider boxing skill on offense and defense, aggressiveness and effectiveness.

4. The referee shall be sole judge of fouls, and may immediately disqualify a boxer if in his opinion the fouling is of a nature serious enough to affect the outcome of the contest. Otherwise he shall warn the offender, and on the third warning disqualify and order him to leave the ring.

5. Each round shall consist of three minutes of boxing, followed by a one minute rest. The official timekeeper shall ring the gong at the beginning and ending of each three minute boxing interval. An automatic timing clock may be used.

Seconds.

1. Each boxer is to be allowed no more than two seconds.

2. No second is to be allowed on the platform during the three minute interval, or with the ropes at any time from the beginning of the first round to the end of the bout.

3. Seconds cannot advise or render any other assistance of any kind whatever to their principal during boxing intervals.

4. Infractions of these rules by the seconds is sufficient cause for disqualification of their principal.

Boxing.

1. No wrestling or holding is to be allowed.

2. When ordered to "break" from a clinch each boxer must step back at least one pace before striking another blow, or either boxer may hit while breaking without the referee's order.

3. If either man falls during a contest he is to be allowed ten seconds in which to rise without assistance, and if he fails to rise within the ten seconds the referee shall render the decision in favor of his opponent.

4. If a boxer goes down without being hit, or should a boxer be struck while avoiding the contest, the referee shall stop the bout and declare him the loser. The same ruling applies to any boxer who fails to leave his corner within ten seconds after the beginning of any round.

5. A boxer is down when he is touching the floor with any part of his person other than his feet, or when in a helpless position on the ropes. In the latter instance it is the referee's duty to immediately notify his opponent.

When one boxer is down the other must take a distance of at least ten feet and remain away until the referee orders that the bout continue, which shall be as soon as the fallen boxer is up and in a defensive position.

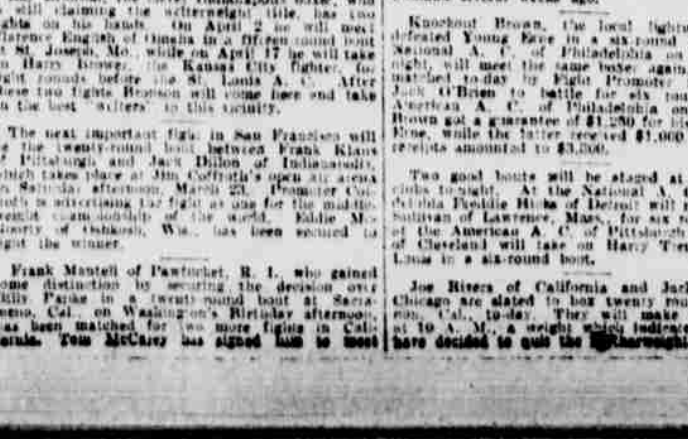
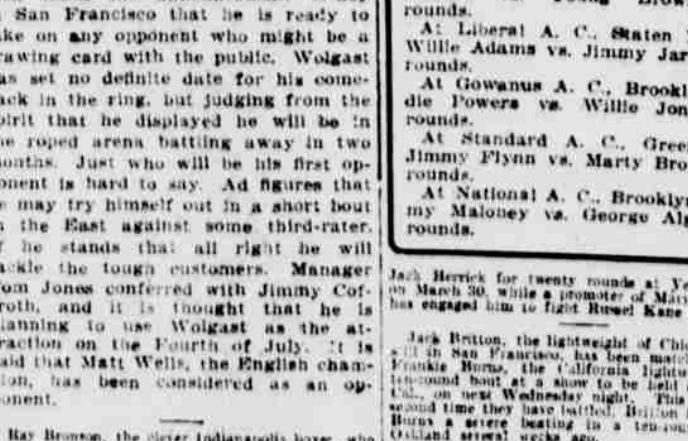
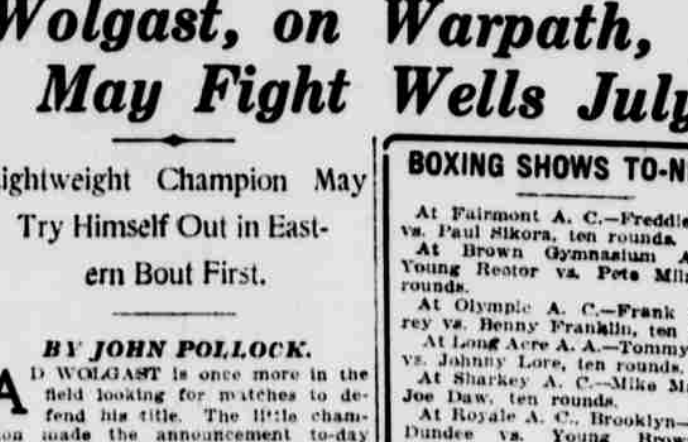
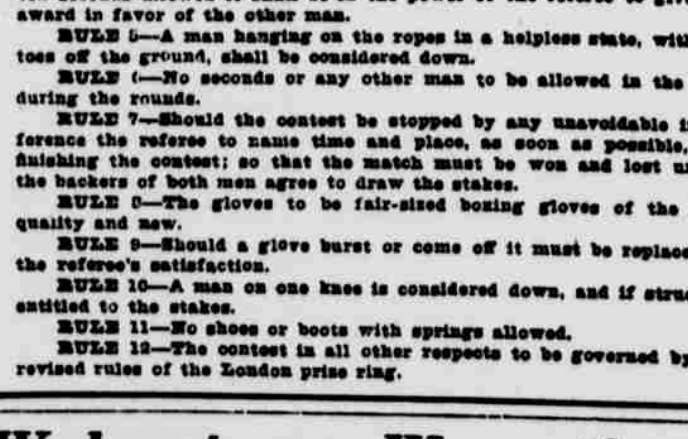
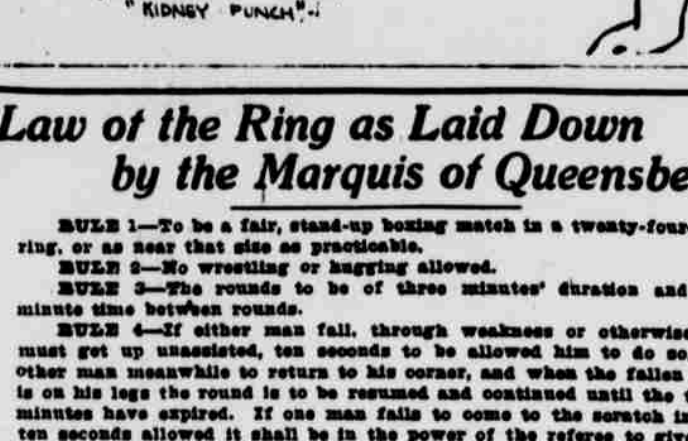
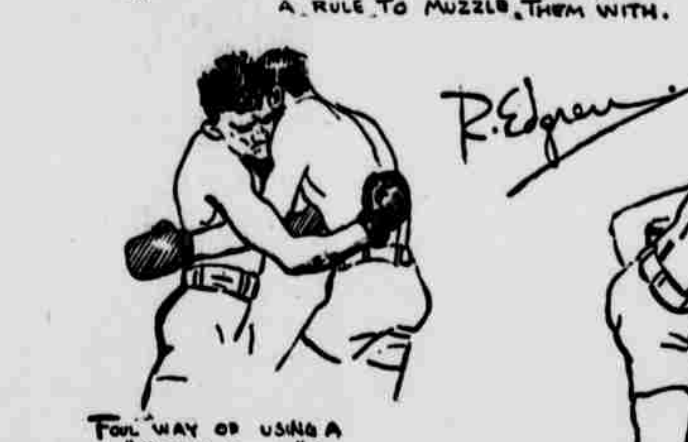
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8. A blow struck with one hand while the other is held in a defensive position, or otherwise take an unfair and unsportsmanlike advantage of an opponent, shall be sufficient cause for disqualification by the referee.

9. No greasing of the body or other means of making the hands slippery, or otherwise take an unfair and unsportsmanlike advantage of an opponent, shall be sufficient cause for disqualification by the referee.

10. Should any condition not covered by these rules arise the referee shall have power to make the necessary temporary ruling, and in all cases his decisions shall be final.

Law of the Ring as Laid Down
by the Marquis of Queensberry

RULE 1—To be a fair, stand-up boxing match in a twenty-four-foot ring, or as near that size as practicable.

RULE 2—No wrestling or holding allowed.

RULE 3—The rounds to be of three minutes' duration and one minute time between rounds.

RULE 4—If either man fall, through weakness or otherwise, he must get up unassisted, ten seconds to be allowed him to do so, the other man meanwhile to return to his corner, and when the fallen man is on his legs the round is to be resumed and continued until the three minutes have expired. If one man fails to come to the scratch in the ten seconds allowed it shall be in the power of the referee to give his award in favor of the other man.

RULE 5—A man hanging on the ropes in a helpless state, with his toes off the ground, shall be considered down.

RULE 6—No seconds or any other man to be allowed in the ring during the rounds.

RULE 7—Should the contest be stopped by any unavoidable interference the referee to name time and place, as soon as possible, for finishing the contest; so that the match must be won and lost unless the backers of both men agree to draw the stakes.

RULE 8—The gloves to be fair-sized boxing gloves of the best quality and new.

RULE 9—Should a glove burst or come off it must be replaced to the referee's satisfaction.

RULE 10—A man on one knee is considered down, and if struck is entitled to the stakes.

RULE 11—No shoes or boots with springs allowed.

RULE 12—The contest in all other respects to be governed by the revised rules of the London prize ring.

Wolcast, on Warpath,
May Fight Wells July 4Lightweight Champion May
Try Himself Out in Eastern Bout First.

BY JOHN POLLOCK.

AD WOLCAST is once more in the field looking for matches to defend his title. The little champion made the announcement to-day in San Francisco that he is ready to take on any opponent who might be in a drawing card with the public. Wolcast has set no definite date for his comeback in the ring, but judging from the spirit that he displayed he will be in the roped arena battling away in two months. Just who will be his first opponent is hard to say. Ad figures that he may try himself out in a short bout in the East against some third-rater. If he stands that all right he will take the tough customers. Manager Tom Jones conferred with Jimmy Corbett, and it is thought that he is planning to use Wolcast as the attraction on the fourth of July. It is said that Matt Wells, the English champion, has been considered as an opponent.

Ray Brown, the clever Indianapolis boxer, who is still claiming the lightweight title, has just taken on a new opponent. Brown will meet the champion of the world, Jimmie Corbett, on the fourth of July. Brown will meet the champion of the world, Jimmie Corbett, on the fourth of July. Brown will meet the champion of the world, Jimmie Corbett, on the fourth of July.

New York Not Yet
in U. S. League

It is expected that some time to-day Charlie White, who has the New York franchise in the new United States League, will decide whether or not he will carry out his plans and build a park in Manhattan. If New York isn't able to come into the league, Chicago will take its place.

The schedule calls for 15 games, and the season will open on May 1, and will close some time in September.

President Whitman announced the names of the managers who will lead the teams in battle this season. The list follows: Jack O'Connor, Cleveland; Deacon Phillips, Pittsburgh; George Brown, Washington; Marty Hogan, Cincinnati; Leo Groom, Reading; Ambrose Hussey Jr., Brooklyn; E. C. Landgraf, Richmond. The New York team's manager is still in doubt.

SCHOOLBOY NINES TRAIN
LIKE THE BIG LEAGUERSHigh School Teams Preparing
for Opening Games in
Two Weeks.

COACH high school nines are rapidly advancing in their baseball preparations and expect to open their season two weeks from to-day. The high school season is so short that everything depends upon the ability of the coaches to round the nines into shape right at the start of the season, and the embryo baseballers have been working hard in the gymnasiums for the past few weeks. Never before in the history of baseball at the Witt Clinton High have the prospects for a championship nine been so bright as this year. Coach Wright has over one hundred boys working out in the school gymnasium, and the material is exceptionally fine. Of last year's nine there are Shea, a pitcher; Capt. Roselle, De Angel, Stumpf, Harris, Christgau, Moore and the Teller. The new men that have shown up best to date are all Townsend Harris men. They are Bettsch, who was Townsend's matinee in the box; Henick, their old third baseman; Baker and Sears. The team opens up its season with a game against the Riverdale A. C. on March 30.

Many fine ball players have reported to Capt. Tamm at Stuyvesant High and a good season is expected. Mr. Doyle, an old college ball player, is coaching the candidates. The team will probably line up as follows in their first game against Rutgers Prep. two weeks from to-day: Tamm, left field; Lindner, center field; Bluffe, right field; Held, third base; Schaeffer, shortstop; Slater, second base; Rhode, first base; Bartle, pitcher, and Roemer, catcher.

Coach Grant is fast rounding the Commerce candidates into shape for their game with Hackensack. Among the old men that have reported to Capt. Bob Arenbald are Waterous, O'Donnell, Jarrett, Manning, Hardy, Hart and Karp. Blodgett, the football star, is out for pitcher and will probably make the staff. He has a great build for a slacker and should develop under Coach Grant. Mr. Grant, it will be remain-

Giants Line Up Against Galveston
Just Like They Did Against AthleticsChristy Mathewson Will Take
His First Fling in Box in
To-Day's Game.

BY BOZEMAN BULGER.

Galveston, Tex., March 15. THE complete regular team of the Giants arrived here this morning ready to do battle with Galveston in the first game of the year in which the full strength of the New York team has appeared. Pitchers Mathewson, Witte, Marquard, Crandall and Ames were brought along and will be given their first turn in the box this season. To-morrow they will play in Houston. After that the team returns to the training grounds, for the last week of limbering up before beginning to work their way northward.

While the weather has been very much against the veterans, they are in fairly good condition, and their eyes have become so sharpened and tried to curve ball pitching that they are able to give an account of themselves in any kind of going.

The Colts were dropped off at Houston at an early hour this morning, and they will play there this afternoon. To-morrow they come here to take the place of the regulars.

MATHEWSON EAGER TO GET INTO THE GAME.

Christy Mathewson will have his 1912 debut this afternoon, and the people of Galveston will have never seen him in action are very much worked up over the affair. A big crowd met the team at the station and a string of young boys followed at the heels of the great pitcher all the way to the hotel. The big Indian is ready to go in and catch regularly now, and he was brought along to handle his old battery mate. Though Indians are not uncommon in

Texas, the fans down here have never seen one of them in a baseball uniform, and the Chief was quite a hero. Mathewson says that his arm has not had the slightest touch of soreness and that he is strong enough to pitch at least three innings without doing himself any damage. In fact, he is eager to get in the game and he asked McGraw to allow him to take a turn in the outfield for the Colts.

Before leaving Marlin McGraw had another long talk with George Stallings.

A BIRER IS DOWN WHEN HIS HAND IS ON THE FLOOR.

TECHNICALLY "DOWN" WHILE HELPLESS ON THE FLOOR, AS EDDIE HANLON WAS IN HIS FIGHT WITH MCGOVERNS.

ONE COMMON WAY OF HOLDING AND HITTING.

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New York Colts Not With
Regulars, but Are Playing
at Houston.

manager of the Buffalo team, in regard to a couple of games between the Giants and Buffalo at Athens, Ga., while the New Yorkers are on the way East. The chances are that the games will be played.

I asked Stallings about his chances of getting a young player or two from McGraw and he frankly admitted that he wanted Groh.

STALLINGS THINKS GROH A WONDER.

"I don't think there is a chance of me getting Groh, Stork or Buss, however," said the former manager of the Highlanders. "McGraw is not going to turn loose men like that, and if he did they would be grabbed by big league clubs before we minors got a chance at them. Groh played for me a while last summer, and I think him a wonder."

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